

December 12, 2006

Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Implementation of Section 621(a)(1) of the Cable
Communications Policy Act of 1984 as amended by the Cable
Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992,
MB Docket No. 05-311

Dear Commissioners,

My name is Lucy Griggs. I am the Program Director at The
Education Channel in Tampa, Florida.

I am concerned about MB 05-311 on video franchising. I
believe that competition is possible (it already exists in
my area!) without a national franchise that benefits only a
few giant telecommunications companies, and could even do
harm to local communities.

The proposed rules reduce the support for non commercial
educational channels like ours that provide local services a
national network would never dream of offering - services
like free tutoring for math students, access to college
level courses for credit, reading programs for preschoolers,
student created films and general information on events and
classes offered in local communities. These channels are
important community resources that must be preserved and
supported.

The FCC's role is to protect the public interest by
regulating the public airwaves. Reducing the public presence
there, hampering local oversight over how huge corporations
operate within communities, and destroying local assets are
not in the public interest. Please do your job by
communicating to Congress the importance of the "last
mile." That's where local communities live, learn and grow,
and that's where local channels make a difference in a
commercial sea of monotony.

I can be reached at 813-254-2253. Thank you for your
consideration.

Sincerely,

Lucy Griggs